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Desiree Macfarlane scores on an empty net while Byron Lappala, middle, and Maijai Lappala look on during a skating session on a pond in the Valerosa subdivision last week. Public skating is also available on 23 Street, south of Ross Ford Elementary where town employees flooded a portion of Kinsmen Park.

Art council plans for annual event

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

One group's plan to make Didsbury an art destination is coming closer to reality. In the fall, members of the community interested in forming the Didsbury Art Council met to hash out details of the society's visions and create an executive board. The group is in the final stages of signing off on their applications for Corporate Registries to become an official society.

"Our next meeting is in January and we'll sign our stuff and we're going to start planning our first event," said member Sharon Tsiras. She said the group is going to make a decision about what annual event they want to create and call their own and said it could be something like a fringe festival, but nothing has been confirmed.

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SHARON TSIRAS
Didsbury Art Council

"We need to set a date and an event we will do annually ... and check with the chamber and the town to make sure we're not picking dates when they're doing something," she said. A possible location for venues is hard to determine at this point but said if it's a summer event, hosting a festival in the streets could be a possibility.

The group, who started forming last spring, envisions Didsbury as a place for people to come from other locations to enjoy music, or theatre and check out the shops and restaurants while they're here.

The council is focused on performing arts but will include visual arts if needed or desired, said Tsiras.

"Most of our executives are on the performing side so we're going that way ... So unless we get somebody who has a connection with that, we'll probably do performing."

The group meets again in January.

Keep goals from falling to the wayside, urge trainers

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Local trainers are gearing up for the typical post New Year's influx to gyms, and hope to see the craze last longer than a few weeks.

"I'd say the first two weeks of January the gym is packed, and then they slowly start filtering out. I think that's due to goals and people not setting them properly. People just say, 'I'm going to the gym' but don't really have a

plan," said fitness coach for Revibe Vibration Health and Fitness, Drew Taddia.

Taddia said people tend to let go of their resolution to become healthier because they aren't sure what to do, they're intimidated other people are watching them work out, or they just don't make it an important enough part of their life.

"For people who aren't living the healthy life, exercise is just the background noise," he said, explaining that it is quickly forgotten

about.

He said people serious about slimming down, need to have a specific goal in mind and map out each step they will take to reach that goal.

"If you want to fit in a dress, lose 10 pounds, climb a mountain, you have to define those goals and write them down. Then you have to make a plan of how to get there."

And personal trainer Pat McGovern of Overall Health and Fitness, agrees.

"It's important to keep

the heart and body strong. And this time of year with the bills coming in and all the winter weather, fitness is important for managing stress," he said. McGovern believes everyone should be working out at least 60 minutes a day.

Sixty minutes may seem like a huge commitment, but it doesn't have to be an intense workout at the gym he explained.

"Whether you're playing with your kids or walking your dog, it's important to get that workout in," he

said, adding that with all the white stuff people can opt for tobogganing or skiing as alternate ways to burn some calories.

"It's time we start finding better solutions instead of better excuses," said Taddia, who agrees working out should be an important part of anyone's life.

And Statistics Canada reports from 2010 show waist sizes in adults have quadrupled in the last 25 years leaving 21 per cent of men and 31 per cent of

women with a waist circumference that leaves them high risk for health problems. Added to that, 37 per cent of adults are overweight, and 24 per cent are considered obese.

Taddia suggests working out with friends, writing down exactly what goals a person has and creating a timeline for themselves.

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Recycle your tree in town

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Need somewhere to chuck the old, dried up Tannenbaum? The Lions are once again hosting their annual Christmas Tree Chipoff event this Saturday. Just brush off ornaments or any metal from the tree and haul it towards the old bus barns, one building south of the public works building on 19th Street.

"The purpose of it is to collect food for the food bank. It's right after Christmas and although

people are very generous before Christmas, the food bank needs help all year long," said Gerard Fournier of For Trees who will be offering his chipper for the event. He said typically the event raises between 400 and 500 pounds of food.

"We'll chip the tree for you and recycle it into mulch and use it locally," he said. Hot chocolate will also be offered for a final holiday hurrah. Last year the Lions chipped about 80 trees.

The event will run 12-2 p.m.

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Olympic Fever:

The 2010 Winter Olympics hosted in Vancouver spread spirit all across the country and into the heart of Didsbury teen Jessie Jewell who ran with a torch in Golden B.C. last January. Jewell was a Royal Bank of Canada pick and among 12,000 in the country who had a chance to carry the torch on its way to the Olympic Games. Harley Dickinson, Grade 1 teacher at Ross Ford got the same chance, running in Kelowna.

Alberta Winter Games:

Four Didsbury teens got

a chance to compete at the 2010 Alberta Winter Games. Courtney Missikewitz headed to the games for curling, Nic Rudy for archery and Mathew Johnson and Sawyer Topping for volleyball.

Student Success:

Didsbury High School band hit top notes during the Whistler Festival in June, gaining a spot in an exclusive United Kingdom concert slated for 2012. The school board approved the trip this fall and the group has begun fundraising for the opportunity. Only five bands from Canada will have the opportunity to join a mass band in London, England in

2012.

High school students weren't the only ones impressing in 2010. Westglen students captivated their audience in December when participating in the first annual spelling bee. Winner Cassandra Geist, will take a written test in January to determine whether she qualifies for regionals in March.

Alberta Summer Games:

Duncan Little competed in the 2010 Summer Games with football. Mackenzie Code competed in U17 200m, javelin and discus. Garreth Archer won a spot in U17 shot put and discus and took home fifth for his discus throw. Martin Van Bewsouw competed in U17

long and triple jump as well as javelin, placing sixth. Maurgan Rogl was in the U15 male pentathlon and April Onishenko U17 heptathlon, U17 javelin and 400m hurdles. Onishenko placed third in javelin with a 23.63 metre throw.

Standoff shooting:

An Elkton Valley gunman opened fire on four police officers during a six-hour standoff near Didsbury. A family member called RCMP in August about a drunk and distraught man threatening to kill his uncle. When officers arrived, the suspect fled in a pickup truck - ramming two police cruisers in the process.

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Freestyler likes 'rush' of doing tricks

BY PAUL FREY
Review Staff

For former Mountain View County resident Billy Kohut, freestyle motocross is all about the rush of adrenaline he gets when performing tricks for judges and audiences.

"It's all about just that rush you get trying new things and just challenging yourself and trying to succeed in it," he said, explaining his passion for the sport.

The former Didsbury-area rider made the move to Red Deer last April to better practise the sport and fine-tune his skills. There, he's able to practise his craft on an excellent track and learn from Mark and Craig Phillips, two of the sport's

best Canadian riders.

"They both have a pretty big name in the sport. I basically moved to Red Deer so that I could ride with those guys and just being around guys that are already at the level you want to be... (it) has made for a world of difference," he said.

Kohut began riding dirt bikes at about age 10 and raced for about three years before making the switch to freestyle — a judged event in which riders do various acrobatic manoeuvres while floating through the air.

Kohut performed about seven exhibitions in 2010 at various events such as the Calgary Stampede, but only went to one contest — the American Freestyle

Motocross Association's biggest one of the year in Pala, California on Dec. 4. There, he improved upon his 2009 showing by placing fourth out of 20 amateur competitors from around the world, including Russia, Sweden and North America.

"I basically trained all year for this one contest because it's the biggest one of the year and it's one that if you want to get noticed, it's the one to do it at," he said, adding that the move to Red Deer was one of the main reasons for his improved standing at the competition.

This year Kohut is hoping to get out to about 15 to 20 exhibitions on his 2009

Yamaha YZ 250. He only does the one competition in Pala, Ca. because the sport is still in its infancy in Canada and most of the competitions are held in the United States. His goal is to participate in the X-Games, the best competition in the sport.

While Kohut was in the U.S. in late November and early December, he was able to ride with Mike Metzger, one of the legends in freestyle motocross who helped to popularize the sport.

"He kind of was my idol growing up. When I was down in California I got the chance to meet him and ride with him. It was a pretty good experience," he said.



Photo submitted
Billy Kohut, a former Didsbury-area resident, competes in a freestyle motocross competition in Pala, California.

Police briefs

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Surge of bar-goers surprise owners

Upwards of 300 people poured into a local establishment on Boxing Day. Things got out of hand and resulted in police hauling a few people into jail for drunken behaviour.

"On Boxing Day our inn is always busy but the way the economy is going, it was a little bit surprising to see so many people," said manager of Didsbury Inn, Anise Husin, who said there were between 200 and 300 people at the bar that evening to listen to a band.

Police said it seems as though it's become a bit of a tradition for people to meet at the bar on Boxing Day as a reunion for those who come back into Didsbury over the holidays. Police said it didn't happen last year and the crowd seems hit or miss year to year, explaining why staff was caught off guard. Next year police will look at either having additional resources themselves or the staff having additional resources to handle the numbers.

Husin said she plans to have more staff on next year for Boxing Day.

"We always request police to do a routine check when we get crowds that large. When there's that many people there's always a little bit of friction and somebody provokes someone," said Husin, who said overall it was a good night.

Counterfeit \$100 dupes employee

A local business was swindled out of \$100 when a tall, thin male paid with a counterfeit \$100 bill on December 21. The male, described as white, tall and thin and wearing dark-coloured track pants with a tuque that had the word 'police' on it paid for a purchase with a phony bill. Police said he also attempted using a credit card, asking for the numbers to be punched in manually, but was denied. Police suspect he could have been attempting credit card fraud as well, explaining that anyone can write down the num-

ber of someone's MasterCard and have it recreated onto a fake card that wouldn't work if swiped through the machine. Police are warning businesses not to manually enter credit card numbers and to make sure employees are aware of what to look for to ensure bills are not counterfeited.

Trees chopped

Two spruce trees were chopped down on a rural property southwest of Carstairs. The theft occurred sometime between December 18 and the 26, suggesting they were most likely taken for Christmas trees, said police. The spruces were situated along Rge. Rd. 2.5.

Quad missing

A 2003 black and yellow Banshee 350 racing quad went missing sometime between 7 p.m. December 23 and the next morning from a rural property on the west side of Carstairs. Police said there is unsubstantiated information that a white Dodge pickup may be associated. Police are seeking anyone who may have witnessed anything suspicious at that property.

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Family violence
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DAN SINGLETON



As the new year gets underway the Stelmach government has renewed efforts to reduce the number and instances of family violence in the province in 2011.

A big part of that very worthwhile effort is increasing public awareness of the warning signs of domestic violence and letting ordinary people know that they really can make a difference.

With some of the highest incidences of domestic violence per capita anywhere in Canada, Alberta has a vested interest in doing whatever it takes to end this black mark on the province's reputation.

As with other types of crimes, the public at large can plan an important and meaningful role in detecting and stemming family violence, says Justice Minister Alison Redford.

"It can be really upsetting when someone you care about is being hurt, but your help and support can make a difference," said Redford. "Many people worry they are interfering if they get involved but your support can make a difference. Your response is really important and can make a difference."

Recognizing the signs of abuse is the first step in fighting it. Alberta Justice says those signs can include the following: Unexplained bruises, marks, scars or sprains; one partner ordering the other around; one partner criticizes or humiliates the other in front of others or in private; one partner being reluctant to leave children with the other partner; or where one partner becomes anxious or depressed or loses self-confidence.

Once a domestic violence situation is identified, followup steps to help the victim or victims can include the following: Listen to what the victim has to say and take the comments seriously; be supportive and help them recognize the violence and reassure them that it isn't their fault; focus on the victim's safety; encourage them to talk with people (such as the police) who can provide help and guidance; and maintain regular contact with the victim.

Thankfully the days when domestic violence was accepted as a private family matter that was "nobody else's business" are well and truly in the past. Today, it is in everyone's interest – and in the interest of every West Central Alberta community – that families get the help and support they need to live violence-free lives.

Justice Minister Redford is right on the mark when she says ordinary citizens "can make a difference" in detecting and fighting domestic violence.

As such, West Central Alberta residents are encouraged to step forward and do what needs to be done to make Alberta safer for Alberta families in 2011.

WHILE SHOPPING IN THE BIG CITY...



Commentary

The next generation of
political protesters

I can't help but feel a twinge of respect for Julian Assange, the Australian Internet activist who has attracted international attention for his website Wikileaks. He and his colleagues represent the next generation of activists or hacktivists, protesting in support of free speech.

Right now, international diplomacy is a mess with wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that have gone on for years. Tensions are building between North and South Korea and Iran is openly developing nuclear weapons. The United States and Europe teeter on the verge of complete economic collapse. They say the definition of insanity is to keep doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result, so perhaps it is time for a new strategy, one in which the words transparency and accountability are not just buzz words.

Julian Assange is not really a great leader of any sort - he doesn't write impassioned speeches, he just set up a website which makes available information leaked from a variety of sources. He didn't write the information and he is not telling lies or inciting violence; he is simply making information available.

Of course, his supporters did cause significant interference to Visa, Mastercard, PayPal, and several other sites that took an active stand against Wikileaks. They did this with as few as 400 bots.

Imagine what they can do now, as since then, over 40,000 people around the world have downloaded the software to allow their computers to become bots. The Wikileaks site has thousands of online backup servers that will step forward if governments manage to shut down the website.

According to Assange's lawyer, the U.S. government is trying to pass legislation that would make Wikileaks illegal. Just like many political protests, the movement has become so big that it is now unstoppable. Perhaps it is time for a new government strategy of sitting down and talking openly with the protesters. Perhaps their ideas have some merit.

I find it interesting that Tom Flanagan, former political adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, called for the assassination of Assange. I don't recall him expressing such passionate outrage over former colonel Russell Williams' murder of two women and other crimes. Although there have been claims that the police are investigating Flanagan, I have my doubts that there will be any significant action taken. Flanagan claims it was just a joke, but in the current environment where Assange is under serious threat, it is not a funny comment.

In the 1960s and 1970s, young protesters took to the streets and gathered in public places in large groups

to demonstrate wars and government policies. Sometimes they would stage sit-ins to block or slow traffic or impede access to government offices. It was a passive and non-violent voice of a generation, demanding accountability from the leadership of the day.

I was only seven years old when the famous Kent State University massacre happened, but I remember the incident unfolding on the news and the resulting backlash of protests. The Ohio National Guard fired 67 rounds over a period of 13 seconds into a crowd of unarmed college students, killing four and wounding nine others. The students were protesting the American invasion of Cambodia. The nation was shocked. In response, nearly four million students protested, closing over 900 American colleges and universities with student strikes.

But slowly over the years, the protests died down and became a thing of history. It seemed like generations of young people were content to accept government actions, until Wikileaks stirred the pot of unrest simmering on the back burner. Now emerging is a new generation of protesters with a much larger audience. The hactivists have surfaced as the avengers of Internet freedom, free speech and accountability.

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LIGHTS UP

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Left: The Christmas decorations and lights shine brightly at Snowflake Lane south of Didsbury on Dec. 30. Above: A house at 26 Westpoint Drive is lit up for the holiday season.

Contest sparks more entries this year

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Judges were dazzled during this year's lighting contest that saw more rural homes entered than ever before.

"We had four homes from the country give us a call," said chamber of commerce president Margo Ward who said it's more than she's seen in the last eight years.

And winners of the rural prize aren't shocked they were chosen.

"I'll be walking through my house at night and I'll see flashes go off from the

road," said Wava Meyer, who explained people have been driving by all month to view and take photos of their decorations.

She said this year she decorated with family members Charlotte and Karlene. Exactly how they map out the designs is a "trade secret" but she did hint, "If you're sitting there with a kid who has crayons and a colouring book you tend to see something and go 'ah!'"

Their home, located on "Snowflake Lane," a.k.a. one mile west on Wescott Road and half a mile south on Rge. Rd. 2.3 will have its lights on between 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. until January 9th. "Just follow the glow," she directed, laughing.

The lawn, decorated with a little bit of everything was a "phenomenal sight" said Ward, who said there's even more ornaments in the drive that you can't see from the road.

In town, Joe Volker took home the prize for the best decorated large yard entry.

"It's a tradition we started over the years," said Volker, who credits help from grandsons Zack and Blake. "Every year they help me pick out something new and it's just grown from there," said Volker, who said it was his

first time winning. The yard has an inflatable Santa, Christmas trees and candy canes in both the front and backyard. He hopes to keep up the decorations for a few days after New Year's.

"I just love doing it; I've done it all my life," said Gordon Hannock who won for best small house. He said he takes two to three days to set up all of his ornaments and lights and said there is a collection of angels and reindeer over the yard. "I probably have at least 12 big lawn ornaments," he said.

The contest, that lasted December 12-18, had members of the chamber of commerce circling the town and checking off homes lit up with festive lights and lawn ornaments. Last year the contest almost folded because there were so few homes that kept their lights on during the night, and no rural residents called to give judges their addresses.

"We were quite happy with how it worked out," said Ward. "There were a lot of homes that went all out but unfortunately we can only give out one award," she said, urging homeowners to continue with their decorations next year.

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Fri., Jan. 7

All are welcome to come to the Elks Hall to play cribbage at 7 p.m. Coffee and goodies served.

Sat., Jan. 8

The Mountview Colts will play against the Airdrie Thunder at 8 p.m. in the Didsbury Arena. Sun., Jan. 9, the Colts will have the Stettler Lightning as their opposition at 4 p.m. The home team will really appreciate your cheers.

Mon., Jan. 10

The annual general meeting of the Didsbury Agricultural Society will start at 7:30 p.m. in the old county building, (on 15th Ave. east of the courthouse).

Tues., Jan. 11

The Didsbury and District Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. at the hospital. New members always welcome.

Sat., Jan. 22

There will be a Babysitting Course for ages 11 years and up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a charge. Please phone Didsbury Neighborhood Place (403) 335-8719 to register. Also on Sat., Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mothers Unite Sale is being held. This is a sale of children's toys, clothing, books, etc. Phone to rent a table and more details to (403) 335-8719, Didsbury Neighborhood Place.

Tues., Jan. 25

The Rosebud Health Foundation is having the annual general meeting at the Didsbury Hospital in the Education Conference Room (downstairs) starting at 7 p.m. Election of officers to be held. Phone Sharon at (403) 335-7626 for all the details.

Jan. 27 – 30

Get your team together now to play in the Men's Open Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Phone the rink (403) 335-3661 or Darren (403) 335-9107.

Didsbury Municipal Library News

New in 2011

Mondays – the Library will be open from noon till 5 p.m. Phone the Library (403) 335-3142 to register and more details.

Four Session Beginners Writing Course – dates Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone has a story, not everyone knows how to write it. There is a charge, min. class size 5, max. 12.

Sat., Jan. 15

Bring your Lego Creations to the Library from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Children's Activity Area. Space is limited to 15 children. Under 10 years of age, must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. There is a fee.

Spelling Bee

The Library will host an old fashioned Spelling Bee for all ages. Register from Jan. 10 to Feb. 10. The Spelling Bee will take place on Sat., Mar. 5.

"Who Picked This Book?" Book club open to everyone. Meet on 3rd Thurs. (Jan. 20) of each month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come to this first meeting with a recommendation for a "Good Read".

Story Time – Fri. & Sat., Jan. 14 – Apr. 2, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Bring your 3-to-5 year-olds for a half hour of stories, rhymes and songs. Please register. Parents or caregivers must remain in the Library at all times.

Thurs., Jan. 27

Family Literacy Day – "Play for Literacy". Play games that encourage literacy and numeracy, such as board games, card games and word games. Play at home or come to the Library to play! Game on in the morning from 10 a.m. until noon, after school and in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Stamp Club will meet on Sat., Jan. 29. Bring your stamps to show, trade or sell. Call Mark Fischer (403) 335-4128 for info.

Review

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Shooting continued:

The truck sped down a rural road towards a creek and got stuck. As four officers started to surround the area, the man opened fire.

Sexting:

Sexting amongst Didsbury teens has police, community workers, and library workers looking for solutions. In October police reported hearing of two cases of sexting – where girls were taking naked photos of themselves and sending them out on the web or via cell-phones. In November, a third case cropped up. It's an issue police and wellness workers are seeing more and more. Inez Kosinski of the Didsbury Library is in the early stages of creating an education program to reach out to teens and youngsters who aren't getting educated on the hazards of this phenomenon.

Shuttle service:

A shuttle service for people in Cremona, Carstairs and Didsbury was dreamed up last year and coordina-

tors of the program hope to kick-start the service early in the new year. Representatives from mental health, Didsbury Hospital social work program, and FCSS workers in Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona came together in February with Rockyview Regional Handibus Society to form the Tri Transportation Committee. The group held a public meeting in October to address the growing need for transportation for low income, disabled and senior members of the community. Robbin Bowman, with the committee, said the committee has received 15 letters of support from various community organizations and members of the public. They recently applied for a grant with the Rural Community Adaption program and are getting other applications ready.

Home Invasion:

Two men broke into a Didsbury home late November and deployed a can of bear spray before swinging with a hatchet and hammer at three victims, sending one to a Calgary hospital with life-threatening injuries. Seven people were inside the home when the invasion occurred. Jesse Boyd

Beech, 18, of Carstairs and Scott Lockhart Demolitor, 18, of Langdon were charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault and assault with a weapon, break and enter, possession of a prohibited weapon and disguise with intent. The case is currently before court.

Murder:

In December police received a call from a woman living in Fallentimber, saying she had shot her husband. Police arrived on scene to find the man, 68, dead. They arrested the woman without incident. Heather Elaine Wilson Duncan was charged with second-degree murder. Her case is currently before the courts.

Continuing Care:

Bethany Care Society was chosen as the p3 company to build an affordable living facility in Didsbury, matched by \$10 from Alberta Infrastructure and the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports. The decision to choose a private enterprise for the project was decided in May when Health Minister Gene Zwoedsky visited the long-term care wing of the Didsbury Hospital.

CEO of Bethany Care met with Mayor Brian Wittal and MLA Richard Marz last week. Exactly what type of beds the facility will hold is unknown at this time.

CEO Greer Black said he still has to sit down with Alberta Health Services to hammer out expectations of the facility and find a suitable site to build. Black said the company will be "starting work heavily in January."

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Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 7th, 2011 1:00 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, corner of Highway 582 and 20th Avenue at the east entrance to Didsbury, Alberta. Interment to follow from the Didsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made in Myrtle's honour to the Salvation Army Alberta & Northern Territories Divisional Headquarters, 9618 - 101 A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 0C7. The family wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to the caregivers at the Didsbury District Health Services for their kindness and care. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.mountainview-funeralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta. Phone 403-556-3223.



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